(b) During 1988-89 and 1989-90, 316 research projects were completed; 100 books, 217 monographs and 1279 working/ occasional papers published. Four hundred and twenty seven seminars workshops and research methodology courses were also held. During the same period, 44 scholars were awarded Ph.Ds and 49 scholars submitted their PH.D. theses. Two hundred and Thirty six scholars were working at the Research Institutes on substantive issues of research at the end of 1989-90. Information in respect of 1990-91 is being collected and shall be laid on the Table of the House.

The ICSSR Regional Centres have, during the last three years conducted 10 workshops/seminars on substantive issues of Social Science and 10 research methodology courses, besides providing financial assistance to Universities, research institutes ect. The Centres have been encouraging publication of books/journals in regional languages by granting financial assistance.

(c) The Council supports only one Research Institute in Bihar Viz. the A.N.. Sinha Institute of Social Studies, Patna whose performance, according to the Indian Council of Social Science Research, has been generally statisfactory.

(d) Does not arise.

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National Commission for SCs/STs

6308. SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes as provided for in the Constitution (Sixty Fifth Amendment) Act, 1990 has not been set up so far;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the times by which it is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) Yes,Sir.

(b) and (c). The National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes as per the Constitution (65th Amendment) Act, 1990 is being set up very shortly.

Exploitation of Overseas Job Seekers

6309. SHRI G.L. KANAUJIA:
SHRI VIRENDRA SINGH:
SHRI DATTATRAYA BANDARU:
SHRI B.L. SHARMA PREM:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints registered with the Protector General of Emigrants regarding malpractices by registered overseas recruitment agents during the last three years;

(b) the action taken thereon ; and

(c) the measurers proposed to be taken to check the exploitation of overseas job seekers by the recruiting agencies?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) During the years 1989,1990 and 1991 (upto July) the number of complaints received against the registered recruiting agents were 48,57 and 24 respectively.

(b) Information is being compiled.